

# RHODES ACADEMY OF OCEANS LAW AND POLICY

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The Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy is an international collegial institution that offers a three-week summer course in Rhodes, Greece. The basic objective of the Rhodes Academy is to promote the rule of law in the world's oceans. The Academy provides an educational forum for discussion of the principles of modern oceans law and policy, thereby fostering a broader common understanding of and adherence to the rule of law as set out in international agreements and state practice.

The Rhodes Academy is a cooperative undertaking sponsored by the Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law (Rhodes, Greece), the Center for Oceans Law and Policy (Charlottesville, VA, U.S.A.), the Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland (Reykjavik, Iceland), the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg, Germany), and the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (Utrecht, The Netherlands). The Korea Maritime Institute (Republic of Korea) and the Center for International Law (Singapore) are associate sponsors.

## BACKGROUND

The foundations of ancient maritime law are linked to the development of the Rhodian Sea Code (*Lex Rhodia*), dating to around the 8th century A.D. The roots of modern oceans law are often traced to the early 17th century treatise by the Dutch scholar Hugo Grotius titled *Mare Liberum* (Freedom of the Seas). As maritime relations evolved, the concept of the freedom of the seas became the guiding principle under which nations conducted their activities in the oceans.

The basic rules of oceans law underwent a transformation in the 20th century, beginning in 1930 when the subject of the law of the sea was taken up by the League of Nations as part of its codification work on international law. The period following World War II saw a proliferation of expanded maritime claims over ocean space and advances in marine technology. This led to an extensive diplomatic negotiation through the United Nations spanning three international conferences, culminating in the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in 1982.

The 1982 Convention establishes the regime for contemporary oceans law by setting out rules governing the rights and jurisdiction of nations in various maritime zones. These include rights over living and non-living resources, and the critical rights of freedom of navigation enjoyed by the entire international community. Built around existing international agreements and state practice, the 1982 Convention covers virtually all activities in the oceans. The Convention thus provides the framework for the progressive development of international law dealing with the oceans and its uses.

The 1982 Convention has 162 parties, and is widely considered as reflective of customary international law in almost all respects. Global acceptance of the Convention places increased importance on promoting a common understanding of the principles and rules embodied in the Convention. It also highlights the need for more uniform adherence to the rule of law in the oceans as reflected in the Convention and in a growing number of implementing agreements as well as in state practice.

## THE 2012 SESSION

The seventeenth academic session of the Rhodes Academy comprises an intensive three-week program of lectures and workshops given by a world renowned faculty of leading scholars and jurists. The outline for the 2012 program scheduled (subject to change) for July 1–July 21 is as follows:

### Week 1

#### OVERVIEW OF THE LAW OF THE SEA, NAVIGATION, MARINE SCIENCE AND DEEP SEABED

History and background of the Third Conference and theory of 1982 Convention, territorial sea, innocent passage, straits and archipelagos, exclusive economic zone, living and non-living resources, high seas, marine science, deep seabed and geology, ocean mapping, and global climate change.

### Week 2

#### MARITIME DELIMITATION, CONTINENTAL SHELF AND FISHERIES

Baselines, maritime delimitation overview, dispute settlement cases and state practice, outer limits of continental shelf, EEZ and high seas fisheries, and marine mammals.

### Week 3

#### MARINE ENVIRONMENT, MERCHANT SHIPPING AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Global environmental standards, International Maritime Organization, merchant shipping, enforcing international standards, arbitration, ICJ and ITLOS, piracy, and warship immunity.

## LECTURERS

The lecturers for the seventeenth session in 2012 are drawn from an international cross-section of prominent and knowledgeable scientists, scholars and judges in the field of oceans law and policy. Interaction between students is emphasized in workshops focused on specific subjects. Workshops encourage the exchange of competing ideas and the application of information presented in the lectures. The faculty expected for 2012 includes:

#### David Balton

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, U. S. Department of State*

#### Robert Beckman

*Law Faculty, University of Singapore*

#### Jean-Pierre Cot

*Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*

#### Tomas H. Heidar

*Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iceland and Director, Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland*

#### Alfred J. Hoffmann

*Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*

#### Andrew Jacovides

*Former Ambassador, Republic of Cypress*

#### Larry Mayer

*Director, Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, University of New Hampshire*

#### Thomas A. Mensah

*Former President and Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*

#### John Norton Moore

*Director, Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law*

#### Satya N. Nandan

*Former Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority*

#### Myron H. Nordquist

*Associate Director and Editor, Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law*

#### Alex G. Oude Elferink

*Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, Utrecht University*

#### A. H. Oegroseno

*Ambassador, Republic of Indonesia*

#### J. H. Paik

*Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*

#### Paul Reichler

*Sovereign States Advocate, Private Practice*

#### Emmanuel Roucounas

*Former President of the Academy of Athens and Professor, University of Athens*

#### S. Scott

*Professor Emeritus, Department of Geology, University of Toronto*

#### Robert Smith

*Geographic Consultant, U.S. Dept. of State (Ret.)*

#### Tullio Treves

*Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea*

#### Rüdiger Wolfrum

*Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law*



## ADMISSION/TUITION/TRAVEL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There is no fee to apply for admission to the Rhodes Academy but class size is limited to approximately 48 students. Prospective students are required to submit a complete application together with two brief, signed Letters of Reference. Applicants should fill out an application online and send it (e-mailed preferred) to the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law. Applications may be found at <http://www.virginia.edu/colp/rhodes-academy.html>. Applicants will need to fax or e-mail some of the materials necessary to complete the application process.

Deadline for applications is 1 May 2012.

Incomplete or untimely applications will not be considered, absent extraordinary circumstances. Rolling admission is available to highly qualified applicants not applying for travel grants or scholarships who may be notified promptly after receipt of a completed application. Applicants are informed of the Board's decision on scholarships no later than 21 May 2012. A non-refundable tuition fee of \$400 USD is required to reserve a place once an applicant is informed of acceptance to the academic session. Tuition includes registration fees and all course material.

A limited number of scholarships and an even more limited number of travel grants are available to students, based on high academic merit and financial need. The scholarships cover tuition as well as accommodations and half board (i.e. breakfast plus one other meal) expenses. In most instances, scholarships will be offered to students who are expected to share a double room. Applicants for travel grants or scholarships assistance are required to provide a verified statement of financial need in support of their application. Note that several scholarships and travel grants are earmarked for marine science applicants from developing countries. On a case by case basis, the Academy is willing to consider applicants who cannot attend the full three sessions. Such applicants are not eligible for travel grants or scholarships or to receive the Diploma or Attendance Certificate.

All decisions on student admissions, travel grants and scholarships are made by the Directors.

## ADMISSION/VISAS

Formal applications to the Academy are to be made through the Center for Oceans Law and Policy while the Aegean Institute assists students with visa applications to Greece.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Classes and accommodations are located near the Mediterranean Sea in Old Town, Rhodes. Accommodations and half board for an anticipated 21-day stay (1 July to 21 July 2012) in Rhodes are approximately €1,400 Euros for a single room and approximately €1,100 Euros for a shared room.

## RHODES ACADEMY WEB PAGE

Applications and additional information are available at <http://www.virginia.edu/colp/rhodes-academy.html>, including a complete roster of former students and faculty. Individual questions may be sent via e-mail to Ms. Julie Greer Garmel at [jg4e@virginia.edu](mailto:jg4e@virginia.edu).

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FORM PLEASE CONTACT:

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